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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). A copy of each of the non-English patent documents also is enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified divisional application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless,

the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

#### REMARKS

This Information Disclosure Statement cites information, which is of record in the parent application, i.e., U.S. Patent Application No. 10/095,014, filed March 12, 2002.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 60-4014 and 11-174922 are discussed at least at page 1, line 24 through page 3, lines 4 through 22 of the specification. Japanese Patent Document No. 9-160455 is discussed at least at page 3, lines 15 through 22 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 6,128,461 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document 11-174922.

Copies of the cited documents are provided for the convenience of the Examiner. In addition, a copy of a European Search Report, which is dated August 7, 2002, and which was presented in the parent application is enclosed.

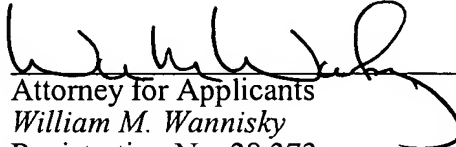
#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited patent documents and that an annotated copy of the citation Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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		6-4014	01/14/94	Japan			Abstract
		9-160455	06/20/97	Japan			Abstract
		11-174922	07/02/99	Japan			Abstract
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